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Regular meetings, first Monday of every month.

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Office open from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Sundays from 7:30 to 10 a. m., and from 3 to 6 p. m.

The San Francisco mails arrive at 8:12 a. m. and 5:20 p. m.

Mails close for San Francisco, etc., at 8 a. m., 10:00 a. m. and 4:50 p. m. For Benicia, etc., 8 a. m.

RAILROAD TIME TABLE

(In Effect May 19, 1904.)

COMING WEST.

Leave Pinole—San Ramon Passenger 8:10 a. m., Martinez Local 9:55 a. m., Sacramento Passenger, 6:00 p. m., Martinez Passenger, 5:34 p. m.

Arrive in S. F.—9:25 a. m., 11:25 a. m., 7:25 p. m. 6:35 p. m.

Bakersfield passenger stops every day. Leaves Pinole at 3:38 p. m. and arrives in San Francisco at 4:55. Stops at Giant.

GOING EAST.

Leave San Francisco—Sacramento Passenger 7 a. m. Martinez Local 9:30 a. m. Sacramento Local 3:30 p. m. Martinez Passenger 7:00 p. m.

Arrive at Pinole 8:12 a. m. 10:40 a. m. 4:41 p. m. 8:10 p. m.

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(In Effect May 19, 1904.)

GOING WEST.

Trains leave for Oakland and San Francisco as follows:

No. 5, 7:40 a. m., No. 41, 9:56 a. m.; No. 7, 5:05 p. m.

Arrive at Oakland 8:27 a. m., 10:35 a. m. and 5:55 p. m.

GOING EAST

Trains leave Oakland as follows:

No 50, 7:30 a. m., No. 54, 4:30 p. m., No 56, 8 p. m.

Arrive at Pinole 8:34 a. m., 5:11 p. m. 9 15 p. m.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

A silk umbrella makes a useful Xmas present. Quinn & Broder has them.

Go to Delmonte's at Rodeo for your Christmas liquors and wines.

Frank McGlinchy was called to the city on Monday on account of the serious illness of his sister.

Mr. O. P. Athey bagged a dozon fine Canvasbacks last Friday from a blind below Fernandez wharf.

Jimmie O'Connor is an authority on bouquets, but he is not so sure about the game of euchre, so we are informed.

Captain Fulton and Engineer Chevalier of the oil barge Priscilla, were visitors at the club rooms Monday evening.

Howard Veale hunted ducks above Martinez Sunday and brought some fine Canvasback and Teal to Hercules and distributed them to his friends.

Little Johnnie Bermingham has dictated a letter to Santa Claus informing him that he wants an autobile, and we guess "Old Santy" will have to ante.

The machinists have been working overtime making needed repairs to the big engine during the first of the week, and the same is again in running order.

Jerry McDonald is the possessor of a pump-gun that is a marvel. This weapon not only kills the birds, but it blows the feathers away as well, so they are ready for the pot, and they are picked clean too. We forgot to ask Jerry how it acted with squirrels and rabbits, but suppose it skins them on the run. Next.

George Kendall's bitch gave birth to a litter of six puppies one of which was a curious freak of nature. It had six legs and almost the perfect bodies of two dogs with one head. The monstrosity was killed by the mother dog which is a custom of canines in cases of this kind. The freak was preserved in alcohol and will be sent to the Academy of Science.

"Doc" Minugh informs us that duck hunting was good on the railroad track last Sunday. He bagged sixteen and didn't have a gun. We presume that a flock in their haste to escape from Jack Hall's deadly pump gun, must have mistaken the nitric acid fumes for a fog bank and in attempting to fly through became asphixiated and fell to the ground dead. This is the only way we can account for it as we didn't hear of anybody losing any.

Wm. Lumsden had a curious experience Sunday while shooting from a blind. His boat had been leaking and contained a quantity of water. In some manner Bill's gun was accidentally discharged while pointing at the bottom of the boat but instead of tearing a hole through the bottom of the boat the force of the shot was deadened by striking the water and a board was sprung from the bottom. Bill got ashore as quickly as possible and with the aid of a hammer and nails soon had his craft afloat and was back in the blind ready for business.

J. J. McCusker is spending a few days in San Francisco.

F. D. Walton journeyed to the city Monday.

Christmas dinner accessories, mince meat, cider and cranberries at Greenfield's.

Daily's Commedians are giving a show at Pinole all this week.

Lehman Bros. have some swell American press cut glass ware.

Born—In Hercules, Dec. 11, 1904, to the wife of John Varni, a son.

A manicure set makes a handsome present. Greenfield has some nice sets.

Mrs. Wm. Pfeiffer is spending a few days at Hercules with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McLain.

B. W. Stevens, foreman of the cartridge factory, made a business trip to San Francisco Saturday.

Of course that boy has lost his jackknife. See Quinn & Broder and they will fix that all right by Xmas.

Adam Arbuthnot will give a turkey raffle at his place at Rodeo Friday evening, Dec. 23rd.

Henry Boysen returned from San Francisco Monday with his well known but cheerful disposition.

How would a bottle of cologne do? It will make a sweet and lasting present if bought of Quinn & Broder.

The "Flying Squadron" has been kept busy of late in handling large shipments of nitre, sulphur and lumber.

The NEWS force is now complete. B. W. Stevens presented the office with a cat and our devil is happy.

Those kids must have candy or it would not be Christmas. Quinn & Broder are well stocked for the occasion.

Miss Jessie Merritt, formerly of the cartridge factory, is now employed at the S. P. station in Pinole.

Greenfield has toys galore for Xmas. Here are a few. Tricycles, wagons, air-guns, drums, garden sets, musical and mechanical toys, dolls, hobby-horses, footballs.

The Cardoza trial which occupied four days in the Superior Court was concluded the first of last week, and resulted in the acquittal of the defendant by the jury after a two hours deliberation. This trial was for the killing of "Doc" Ryder Powell by Cardoza some four months ago on Mt. Diablo in a dispute over land possessions.

A certain young lady living not far from Hercules, went to the city to purchase a pair of shoes, and on opening the package when she arrived home found that both shoes were for the same foot. now she will have to pay another dollar for car fare to rectify the error, and it serves her right. Next time patronize your own merchants who can and will suit the most fastiduous. Quinn & Broder will guarantee satisfaction every time.

Lehman Bros. are having a big run on Invincible shotgun cartridges. Everybody say they shoot.

Remember the dance to be given by the Rodeo Social Club next Saturday evening. A good time is insured to all who attend.

Miss Blanche Mixon of Santa Barbara is visiting Mrs. John Bermingham, Jr., for a few days.

Little Andy Ashenfelter got Miss Ellerhorst's permission to go to the city Saturday. He says there are lots of lovely toys in town.

Are you all fixed for that Xmas spread? Lehman Bros. can help you in table linen, napkins, water and wine sets.

Are you ready to carve that Christmas turkey? Lehman Bros. have some carving sets that will do the execution all right. They have good stuff in them.

If you want to keep warm put in one of those heaters that Lehman Bros. would like to install in your house. Wood or oil.

Mike Nugent who has been ill at St. Mary's Hospital for the past three weeks has recovered and has returned home again ready to attend to business.

Quite a severe shock of earthquake was felt at Hercules at 7:10 Wednesday morning. The motion of the temblor was from west to east and it was of several seconds duration

Wm. Pfeifer and G. S. Mendenhall came up from San Francisco Monday to enjoy some duck shooting. The birds by some means or other must have learned of the coming of these two sports, and laid low during their stay, thus preventing them from bagging the limit.

A new restaurant and chop house to be known as the Palace was opened today in Pinole by R. Carbonnier, a chef of long experience in San Francisco, who thoroughly understands his business and will cater to the wants of the public to the best of his ability. The Palace will be run on strictly first-class principles, and will have private rooms for families. Read the ad. in another column for particulars. The restaurant is located in the building formerly occupied by Downer's bakery.

Abe Hitch and Jerry McDonald while hunting on the bay Tuesday, encountered a strange fish which they saw coming for some distance with its back out of water and which Jerry declares was at least twelve feet long and he is backed up by Hitch in the statement. They emptied their guns into the monster who sank from sight after lashing the water into foam. Cureton and a number of the other boys were inclined to think the story a little scaly, but as the Examiner's sea serpent and devil fish has not been heard of for some time, why is'nt it just as reasonable that they should have come into the San Pablo Bay and give the NEWS the chance to announce their appearance for 1904. We are of the opinion that it was the sea serpent and shall stick to the theory until it is proven to the contrary.

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THURSDAY..... .....DECEMBER 15, 1904

A MATTER TO CONSIDER.

Owing to the fact that the Southern Pacific Company are about to bridge the Straits of Carquinez at a point below Martinez in this county across to Benicia in Solano county, would it not be a good idea for the Solano and Contra Costa Supervisors to consider the matter of establishing a driveway over said bridge before granting a franchise for the construction of said bridge if they are vested with that power. A driveway, properly constructed between these two counties would be a great benefit to both and a matter of great accommodation to the traveling public who have at the present time great trouble in getting teams across on the ferry Solano, being compelled to load their vehicles aboard a box car when they desire to cross the stream. The railroad company will undoubtedly reap great benefit by this bridge, and it seems no more than right that if a franchise is to be granted by this and Solano counties, that the railroad company be requested to provide a driveway theron by the Supervisors jointly of the two counties. We would like to hear from some of the Solano county papers on this subject who are probably better posted on this matter, and if the power lies in the Boards of Supervisors to establish this driveway as a consideration of granting a franchise, we know of no way in which they could better serve their constituents than by bringing this result about.

One coyote will hang around a camp at night and create the impression that a pack of at least twenty big wolves are looking for a chance to eat the campers. But investigation will reveal that the single coyote is lean and hungry and cowardly, and that he does not weigh over fifteen pounds. Likewise one kicker in a town will create the impression that there is much indignation against every respectable citizen and measure.

IT LOOKS LIKE BUSINESS.

For the past twenty years the Southern Pacific Company have been contemplating a bridge across the Carquinez Straits, and the following from the Vallejo Morning News looks as though the time has arrived for the commencement of this monstrous project:

"Southern Pacific plans, providing for a drawbridge a mile and a third in length across Carquinez Straits, have been forwarded by the War Department at Washington to Colonel W. H. Heuer, head of the Federal Engineering staff on this coast. The favorable consideration of Colonel Heuer and the subsequent approval of the Secretary of War will enable the company to begin work at once, and since the plans provided for a structure simple in design, the time occupied in bridging the broad expanse of water that is now traversed by the ferry steamer Solano will be comparatively short. The improvement is regarded as one of the most important and expensive undertakings in this State by the Southern Pacific in many years. It is estimated that by completion of this bridge the running time between Sacramento and San Francisco will be cut down about thirty minutes.

The bridge is planned to traverse the Strait from the Nevada Dock below Martinez, a mile and a quarter from Port Costa, and strike the opposite shore about Fifth street in Benicia. This would make the bridge 6,800 feet long, or considerably over one mile and a third. The length as estimated includes the draw, with openings 200 feet in the clear on either side of the pivot pier.

The usual practice in spanning stretches of water so considerable in width is by means of a suspension bridge, but the necessity of such a feat of engineering is obviated by the depth of the stream and the formation on either side. The actual bridge section is represented by the draw and the approach from either shore is on the style of the Alameda mole. If the plans are accepted these are to be built on pile sections fifteen feet apart, and it is estimated that in all 420 such sections will be required.

Fashionable colors this year, according to the dressmakers, are burnt onion—a warm brown—and fresh spinach—a cool green. The color-makers would have difficulty in finding names for new shades if it were not for the vegetables. They have had crushed strawberry, apple green, grape color, orange and lemon, and almost anything except mashed-potato color; but that may come next.

All the married women are getting their lives insured Will the husbands continue to warn them about drafts and damp feet?

Earth's harvest comes from seed thrown out to die.

PATRONIZE YOUR HOME MERCHANT.

It is a custom with many people in the interior towns no matter how small an article they require, to ignore the home merchants and post off to the city, under the delusion that they can save money by the transaction and at the same time have a better assortment to select from. Now the fact of the matter is that by counting in the traveling expenses necessarily incurred and express charges for the delivery of their purchase, in many instances they will find that it has almost cost them doubly as much as what they could have made their purchase right at home, and besides they were compelled to pay cash in the bargain. The home merchant, while he does not carry an immense stock, can get on short notice, any article you may desire cheaper than an individual can purchase it, because it is in the line of his business, and by placing your order with him you enable him to earn a small profit which you cannot save by making the purchase in the city yourself, and it is delivered at your very door minus traveling expenses and express charges, to say nothing of the time lost. The merchants in this vicinity carry a general assortment of goods, but will gladly take your order for any article desired, and as you are no stranger to them, you are not compelled to pay cash, as you are in the city where they never expect to see you again, and besides, as the home merchant is compelled to pay license and taxes to help in running your town he is entitled to your consideration. As Christmas approaches you will undoubtedly want to purchase toys for the children and gifts for friends, and we advise you to visit the Pinole stores and inspect their stock before going to San Francisco to leave your cash that will never return to you again. By patronizing your home merchant you put money in circulation that aids materially in building up a town, but when it is spent abroad it is gone forever so far as any local proposition is concerned, and you are building up a metropolis at the expense of your own town.

The Russians have now got along far enough to refer to the Japanese as the "the gallant enemy," which is quite an advance.

A New York man has cured himself of dyspepsia by eating grass. now we know what ailed Nebuchadnezzar.

A SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

On Monday afternoon Antone Vagos an employe in the outside gang at the California Powder Works met with a serious and painful accident while working on a powder train out on the flat. Vagos, it seems, made a spring for a loaded car while in motion, and missing his footing, fell with his left leg underneath. The wheel did not pass over his leg, but he was dragged some distance and the limb, from the ankle to the knee was terribly mangled and bruised and the fibula bone broken. He was taken to the laboratory where Dr. Watts examined and temporarily dress the limb and who afterwards accompanied him on the afternoon train to Lane's Hospital in San Francisco, where he was sent for further treatment. Drs. Huntington and Watts removed large pieces of bone and mangled flesh from the injured leg, and every effort was used to save the injured man's limb. Vagos is now lying at the hospital awaiting developments, as it will take some time for the doctors to decide whether amputation will be necessary.

A SCHOOL girl was bound and dragged for miles by an inhuman wretch in Berkeley last Friday as she was returning home from school through the Santa Fe cut, a lonely place on the road. Despite her cries she was unable to attract the attention of anyone along the track until the little village of Smithville was reached, where the girl, mustering all her strength, uttered a shriek that so frightened her captor that he let her go and fled for the woods. The girl, retraced her steps and on reaching home related her experience and Marshal Carey and R. Cameron set out in search of the vile scoundrel but without avail as he succeeded in making good his escape.

A petition is to be filed at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees of the town of Pinole for the removal of a certain barb wire fence on Knob Hill which has been a menace to the seat of a lead burner's pants.

Superintendent Bermingham will leave the East on the 16th and will probably arrive home on the 20th instant.

Harold Blum, son of A. E. Blum of Martinez, is reported to have the smallpox.

If a girl has her eyes on a man, and a Hallowe'en charm says he is to be her Very Own, he couldn't escape if Mercury loaned him his wings.

If a small boy is allowed to stay up late at night he is willing to sleep overtime the next morning.

You save your money because you are economical; other people save theirs because they are stingy.

A man can't have a very big time by himself.

DINGULBENDER IS A MADNESS.

DIEUR EDITUR: I what am Dingulbender Snyder und what is not Louie, und what have two times alreadment write by ther Hercolees NEWS am now a Dutch madness what have not been a pleasurably two times mid der past week. In der first place I look mid der Pinole Times by Grease Hill what I last week information dat jassack what is editorialment to make an apoligification to der "Ding Bats" what he have insultment, und when I not findment, I boil mid a madness what settlement der whole business quickment, und I take a bologna what is two yards mid length und I go by der railroad track down by Rodeo, und I stop mid Jerry Mahoney where I boorowment his suspenders as I have busted mine mid madness, und I get up a good Dutch angryment und I start for Pinole Times where dot black Dutchman lives. Well I get there mid a quickness, but I can not find him as the place is locked mid a padlock on der inside, und I can not go mid der door in. Now dier editur mid a contemptuous und a disgustification I go me to der club house where I hunt for Spyglass what is President, who will information me what to do, und I read by der blackboard dot der "Ding Bats" is now a disorganizment und I have not yet had my face mid der ducks, all on account of that ignoramus what I not find by Pinole, what have accomplishment his devilish purpose in the defunctment of our beloved order mid ten-thousand duck flying mid der air. I am now two times a madness und I not waitment for nodings, but I get Davy-Port's double barrel blunderbuss eleven times what I load mid rivits from the boiler shop, und now flat foot, black Dutchman, pumpernickle, lobster, I take mid me Louie und Jonn for my secondments, you come mid what and who der devil you please, next Sunday morning by the "Lakes of Killarney" when the sun is git upment, und mid Riley for umpire, I will quickment make you a raus mit with pleasurably, und I will gather up der pieces what I fix mid my sausage grinder when I go me back again to Grease Hill, und shed my sorrowment in scalding tears over ther cherished hopes und fond expectationments of the defunct "Dingbats" who were cut of in ther midst of the duck season, mid-out a warning by dot black Dutchman editorialment what writes by the Pinole Times, und what I will plenty settlement with if he come oudt next Sunday. Now, dieur editur, mid the deepest sorrowment und der fondest affectionately for you, I now close what will probably be my last editorialment.

Yours mid respectfully,

SNYDER DINGULBENDER,

What was Secretary und managementation for "Ding Bats" what not iss.

CAUGHT AT LAST.

Since the duck season opened a couple of Cicilian fishing boats have been seen on the bay daily between the Hercules Wharf and Giant. They were suspected of netting ducks but it was a hard matter to secure sufficient proof to warrant an arrest. On Wednesday, however, Deputy Game Warden Geo. Betz was lucky enough to surprize Joseph Rumelio and his son John Rumelio hauling in their nets, which not only contained striped bass under three pounds in weight, but one drowned duck and another which was alive. They were promptly arrested and Antonio Cuneo was secured as an interpretor, and evidence enough of their guilt obtained to warrant their being held to answer before Judge Enloe. These are the class of individuals whom the sportsmen and the Fish Commissioners are after, and we hope that if they are convicted that they will be punished to the full extent of the law as a lesson to the rest of their sneaking class who are daily defying the law.

NEW YEAR'S BALL.

The New Year's ball that will be given on the evening of December 31st at Foresters' Hall, Pinole, by Opequon Council, will be the event of the season and will eclipse any former attempt made by the ladies of this order. Good music, a supper such as only the ladies of Pinole and Hercules know how to prepare, and lots of pretty girls to serve it. If there is anything further needed we fail to see it, and we will say right here that you will miss the time of your life if you fail to attend.

PLENTY LEFT.

A couple of young ladies from Pinole made a flying trip to the city last week to do some shopping. One of them purchased a new pair of kicks which apparently were a fine fit. On returning home the young lady thought she would see how they looked, and in trying them on she decided her feet were mates and it would be very uncomfortable for her to wear both lefts so she returned what was left for a right.

RAN ASHORE IN THE FOG.

At an early hour Saturday morning the gasoline launch "Guide" ran ashore on the rocks between Rodeo and Hercules in the thick fog that prevailed at the time. Luckily no damage was done to the little vessel, and when the tide rose some hours later her crew managed to get her afloat again with but little difficulty.

William Vandecarr who was arrested for stealing chickens on a warrant sworn out by H. A. Horton and who implicated a man named Way and Constable C. W. Rogers at Mareinez by inviting them to partake of the stolen chickens at a feast in his shack, where the three were arrested, was held to answer before the Superior Court under $500 bonds, by Justice Carpenter, but on a statement by Vandecarr that Rogers and Way were innocent, they were discharged. This little episode bids fair to terminate in a fowl mess when it comes up for trial in the Superior Court.

The citizens of Martinez have passed a protest through the Board of Trustees against the bridging of the Carquinez Straits by the Southean Pacific.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Richmond Land Co. to Martha E. Kerr—Lot 24 in block 29, city of Richmond, $10.

Richmond Land Co. to Martha E. Kerr—Lot 25 in block 29, city of Richmond, $10.

Henry A. Johnston and wife to Patrick Clynch—Lot 8 in block 2, map of Richmond Park; $10.

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LODGE NOTICES

SHENENDOAH TRIBE, No. 121, I. O. R. M., meets every Wednesday night.
W. MAYER, Chief of Records. JOS. JOHNSON, Sachem.

HERCULES LODGE No. 21, K. OF P. meets every Saturday night at Foresters Hall, Pinole, Cal.
C. L. TOWNES, K. of R. & S. C. E. HOUCK, C. C.

Pianos at Removal Sale

Store Open Day and Evenings Till Sale Closes.

The big removal sale of Pommer-Eilers will close very shortly and the store is now kept open every evening until 10 o'clock to accommodate those who cannot conveniently call here in the day time.

We want buyers now for the remaining ten square pianos among them Weber, Behning, Chickering, Collard & Collard. Prices $18, $27, $38 and up to $70.

Payments of $5 to $8 down and $3 to $5 a month buys them.

Used upright pianos in addition to those advertised Sunday, we have received a number of excellent uprights in part payment for new Kimballs and Deckers and Autopianos. A good used piano of reliable make is frequently more desirable than a new upright of mediocre manifacture. In this assortment of used pianos are Decker, Dolls, Fischers, Conovers, Kimballs, Steinways and other equally well-known brands. Prices range from $64 up to $362 for the very choicest, slightly-used genuine Decker upright piano in fancy mahogany case ever seen here.

THESE ARE FINE NEW ONES.

Although the assortment is somewhat broken we still have left for sale some of the most beautiful and highest-grade pianos ever offered, among them being:

Fancy hand-carved Exhibition Prize upright pianos, in most beautifully dappled genuine English quarter-sawed oak cases; price $650, $386 and $348 (for a little plainer style), on payments as low as $28 down and $12 a month secures one of them.

For $218, on terms as little as $7 a month, you can now obtain during this sale choice of the finest of cabinet grand uprights, in elegant mahogany, mottled walnut or Flemish oak cases, instruments for which you would ordinarily be expected to pay at least $350 at any redutable dealers.

See the remaining Weber pianos in mottled walnut and fancy mahogany cases, $187 and $246, on payments of as little as $6 a month buys one.

We are offering the largest size Wesley & Co., brand new, fully warranted upright piano for $118. The Bell and Co., in plain but substantial oak or mahogany cases, at $96 or virtually half price. Payments only $5 per month.

Others a little more elaborate for $127 and $136; same terms.

Every piano and organ sold during this sale is unconditionally warranted. Instruments will be shipped to any railroad station or boat landing in the West, with privilege of examination, and we agree to pay freight charges both ways if instrument, after delivery, does not prove exactly satisfactory in every way to the buyer.

Don't fail to investigate this removal sale before it is too late. We mean business, for the plans of this new building are thoroughly under way now, and, with a couple of million dollars involved in this investment for the new building, we shall not split hairs over any required concessions as to terms. Call or write or telegraph. 653 Market street is the number, between the Examiner building and the Palace Hotel. POMMER-EILERS MUSIC CO., San Francisco's Biggest, Busiest and Best Piano Dealers.

MARTINEZ NOTES.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

Miss Daisy Hewitt who teaches in the Highland District near Livermore, came home on Monday to spend the holidays.

Mrs. J. Schweinitzer of St. Helena visited her parents on Thursday of last week.

A very interesting lecture on "London" was given in the Congregational Church on Friday evening last by Rev. Wm. Rader of the third Congregational Church of San Francisco. Two musical numbers were rendered, consisting of a vocal quartet, "The Legend of the Chimes," by Miss Maude Cemone, Mrs. Ella Bright, Mrs. O. L. Marsh, A. J. Soto and A. B. Wilson, and a violin solo by Max Blum.

Mrs. David Swain and Miss Emily Swain of Oakland visited Mrs. Jennie Bragdon last week.

Dr. Rattan has returned from his recent trip to Seattle.

Walter Marsh is visiting his father, O. L. Marsh at the Alhambra Hotel.

The Misses Blanche and Grace Fish entertained a number of their young lady friends at their home on Thursday evening last with the game of five hundred.

A meeting was held at the Episcopal rectory on Wednesday afternoon of last week for the purpose of arranging for a Christmas Tree for the children of the church. It was decided to have the tree in the Weiss building on Ferry street on Thursday evening, Dec. 22d, and the following ladies were appointed as a committee on decoration. Mrs. O. E. Hayward. Mrs. R. R. Veale, Mrs. A. J. McMahon and Misses Emily Hayward, Lelia Veale and Sadie Davenport.

Lucerne Wittenmyer of San Francisco spent Wednesday night at his home in Martinez.

RODEO NEWS.

Miss L. Nugent of San Francisco was visiting her sister, Mrs. Curren, Sunday.

Joe Delmonte is wearing out his China slippers in the mud. Joe only wears them when it rains.

A number of ducks were shot from the blinds Sunday. Al. Humphrey bagged 47 in a few hours.

Bert Gregory's smiling face was seen on the streets Sunday.

It was too muddy for the two belles to masquerade in boy's clothes Sunday.

Mrs. Patrick Tormey was a city passenger Tuesday.

Mrs. J. D. Smith was taken to a hospital in Oakland for medical treatment this week.

Mike says that mince pie goes good once in awhile.

Fuscia Romeso of Pinole was visiting friends in Rodeo Sunday.

A new dynamo has arrived for the Western Oil Refinery.

James Thompson of Grease Hill was very much disappointed last Sunday because his girl was prevented from coming up from the city on account of the bad weather.

Ed. Brown the genial book-keeper of Oleum was a city passenger last Sunday.

One of the longest days in the average man's life is the one just before pay day.

Sporting News.

The duck shooting season that is dear to the sportsman's heart, has opened in earnest in this vicinity, and each Sunday finds the enthusiastic nimrod at his favorite shooting stand in blind, at pond, or marsh, from the first streak of daylight till the setting of the sun, with his trusty gun, ready to wage war upon the swift winged water fowl that furnish the finest of sport to all lovers of the gun. Little does the hunter care for cold, rain or fog, so long as the prospects for shooting is good. Last Sunday was an ideal day, and from the breaking of the dawn a bombardment that would have done credit to a Japanese and Russian engagement commenced and continued throughout the day, and many was the duck that succumbed to the unerring aim of the local hunters. Following is a list of a number of the hunters, where they shot and the bags secured:

R. K. Smith went up to the Elmira preserves Saturday evening and enjoyed some fine sport Sunday. He returned to Hercules with 45 ducks, and geese which he distributed among his many friends.

Frank Moore and Peter Jess were shooting from a blind on the bay and killed 68 birds between them which was the highest number reported by two guns.

Clarence Sylvester and Bert Pendleton went up the river and shot near Antioch Saturday and Sunday. They enjoyed some rare sport and succeeded in bagging the limit of Teal and Sprig.

Tom Davenport, Arthur Annis and Herman Koppen went up on a visit to Ed. Riley at the Rodeo dam on Saturday evening and camped in the shack over night to be ready for an early morning shoot. At day break the hunters got busy "mid the ducks" and soon had five fine birds ready for the pan. In the absence of Mac Santa Cruz, Tom Davyport acted as chief cook, and the manner in which the boys got on the outside of roast duck, Chile sauce and baked potatoes was a caution. The party was joined on Sunday by Jack Kearney, who arrived in time to enjoy some shooting and get in on the feed.

A number of San Francisco sportsmen were shooting from the blinds at Rodeo and succeeded in making good bags of Bluebills and Canvasback. They were the guests of Frank Delmonte and Al. Humphrey.

The heavy hand of Despotism is swatting freedom once and again. The unionized school children of Chicago have been in the habit of striking upon slight or no provocation. Now the Chicago policemen have been instructed to spank those spirited scholars "good and hard." Thus does Despotism attack both forward and aft.

Christmas Presents...

If you cannot think what you want to get your friends for Christmas, let us suggest some articles that are useful and appropriate for the occasion. We have a complete stock as follows:

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